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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KHMER NAME ROVING AMBASSADOR, SPECIAL ENVOY TO
FRENCH REPUBLIC

1. KHMER CHARGE KENG VANNSAK TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 13 THAT HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY LEARNED THAT ON OCTOBER 2 GKR HAD ASKED FRENCH GOVERNMENT THROUGH CHARGE IN PHNOM PENH TO ACCEPT SONN VOEUNSAI AS ROVING AMBASSADOR AND SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE FRIENDLY FRENCH REPUBLIC (AMBASSADOR ITINERANT ET ENVOYE SPECIAL AUPRES DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE AMIE.) LETTERS OF CREDENCE FOR SONN VOEUNSAI, DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 1974, ARRIVED BY MESSENGER FROM PHNOM PENH, AND VANNSAK RECENTLY TURNED THEM OVER TO SONN VOEUNSAI. LETTERS OF CREDENCE ARE ADDRESSED TO GISCARD FROM LON NOL AND INDICATE THAT HE IS A SPECIAL ENVOYE TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON THE POSITIONS OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN ITS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICY. LETTERS ASK GISCARD AND HIS CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT TO WELCOME VOEUNSAI AND TO GIVE FULL FAITH AND ENTIRE CREDENCE TO EVERYTHING VOEUNSAI WILL SAY ON LON NOL'S BEHALF. VANNSAK DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER VOEUNSAI HAS RECEIVED AGREEMENT -- OR WHETHER AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY. HE IS OBVIOUSLY DISTRESSED BY THE ASSIGNMENT, WHICH WAS NOT REVEALED TO HIM BY LONG BORET OR LON NOL DURING HIS
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VISIT TO PHNOM PENH.

2. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED BY VOEUNSAI'S TITLE; PERHAPS DEPARTMENT AND PHNOM PENH CAN INFORM US WHETHER THE NOTE AND THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE COULD BE CONSTRUED AS AN EFFORT TO GAIN ACCREDITATION OF SOME SORT FOR A GKR AMBASSADOR HERE, A MOVE THE GOF WOULD BE SURE TO OPPOSE. WE RECALL THAT VOEUNSAI WAS LAST GKR AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, AND, SINCE THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT FOR A SUCCESSOR, HIS LETTERS OF RECALL HAVE NEVER BEEN PRESENTED.

3. FRENCH HAVE NEVER MENTIONED TO US THE GKR NOTES CONCERNING VOEUNSAI -- OR VANNSAK. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO LEAVE THESE PROBLEMS ENTIRELY TO THE GOF AND GKR.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, VOEUNSAI HAD ALREADY REQUESTED FORMER GKR CHARGE TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON EMBOFF WHOM HE HAD KNOWN IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY SAW VOEUNSAI AT SOCIAL OCCASION AND POSTPONED MEETING UNTIL AFTER UNESCO PRESSURES WERE REDUCED. QUESTION NOW ARISES ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF EMBASSY CONTACT WITH YET ANOTHER NOT ENTIRELY REGULAR OFFICIAL IN THE GKR DIPLOMATIC MENAGERIE IN PARIS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND DEPARTMENT COMMENTS.
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